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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



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Overview

There were a total of 62 crashes in September. This is a 12.7% decrease from August's total of 71 total crashes. There were 3 fatal crashes during September resulting in a total of 4 people deceased. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a decrease of 66.7% from last year. Of the 62 total crashes, 13 or 21% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 7, or 53.8% of those crashes. Eight of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Enforcement activity decreased by 8.3% as compared to August but increased 16.1% from the prior year. Speed violations decreased 396 citations or 21.1% from August. Hazardous moving violations increased by 6.5% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations dramatically increased by 98 citations or 41.4% as compared to August. There were 38 arrests of impaired drivers prior to crash during September. This is a decrease of 18 or 32.1% compared August but it is an increase of 72.7% over the prior year.

Commercial vehicle inspections were down by 15.4% or 115 inspections from August. Consequently, enforcement activity decreased by 34.4% from the prior month. There were 236 less safety violations written in September than in August. There was a 21.5% decrease in repair orders from August but an 8.3% increase as compared to the prior year. There were 39 vehicles and 21 drivers placed, "out of service" in September. Both of these areas decreased from August's percentages. Traffic personnel conducted 437 inspections during the month, which is up by 26.3% or 91 inspections over August.

Front office personnel showed an increase in arrest reports and incident reports processed. There was a decrease in the accident reports processed as compared to the prior month and the prior year. The evidence section showed increases in new cases and items disposed. The Communications Center experienced decreases compared to August's radio transmissions, CAD incidents and telephone calls.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September-08		Sept. 07	% Change		Aug. 08	% Change
Total Crashes	62		77	-19.5%		71	-12.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	42		55	-23.6%		40	5.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	17		20	-15.0%		28	-39.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		2	50.0%		3	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		6	-66.7%		2	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		2	100.0%		3	33.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	13		18	-27.8%		12	8.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	9		14	-35.7%		7	28.6%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		4	-25.0%		5	-40.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.8%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.2%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 33.3%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 21%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes were down by 15 from August for a 19.5% decrease. There were 9 fewer crashes than the previous year for a 12.7% decrease.
- DUI crashes decreased by 4 or 66.7% from the previous year and remained the same at 2 from the previous month.
- The average BAC for impaired drivers involved in crashes is still pending blood results.
- There were 3 fatal crashes in September, which is the same as the previous month and an increase of 1 from the previous year.

There were 13 accidents involving a commercial vehicle during September, which was a decrease of 5 crashes from the previous year and an increase of 1 over the prior month. The 13 accidents accounted for 21% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 13 crashes, 7 or 53.85% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were 6 crashes involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Eight of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80, the remaining 5 occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	September-08		Sept. 07	% Change		Aug. 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		6	-66.7%		2	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	38		22	72.7%		56	-32.1%
Other Arrests	133		97	37.1%		209	-36.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	63		59	6.8%		105	-40.0%
Speed violations	1478		1754	-15.7%		1874	-21.1%
Hazardous moving violations	131		168	-22.0%		123	6.5%
Occupant restraint violations *	335		151	121.9%		237	41.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	3175		2735	16.1%		3461	-8.3%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	32		22	45.5%		57	-43.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	52		22	136.4%		52	0.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	634		545	16.3%		749	-15.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	4		0	400.0%		6	-33.3%
Total safety violations -- citation	99		118	-16.1%		151	-34.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	861		795	8.3%		1097	-21.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	39		36	8.3%		53	-26.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	21		26	-19.2%		26	-19.2%
Total school buses inspected	35		30	16.7%		106	-67.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	1		7	-85.7%		8	-87.5%
Total trucks weighed	529		196	169.9%		729	-27.4%
Total overweight citations	10		16	-37.5%		7	42.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	613		499	22.8%		732	-16.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations were down by 286 from the previous month for a decrease of 8.3%. Total violations increased 16.1% or 440 compared to the prior year.
- Speed enforcement was down from the prior month by 396 violations for a 21.1% decrease. Hazardous moving violations increased by 8 or 6.5%. Occupant restraint violations increased dramatically 108 or 41.4%.
- There were 38 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 32.1% decrease over August but this was a 72.2% increase over the same period last year. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .166%.

- Commercial vehicle inspections decreased 115 or 15.4% as compared to August. Inspections did increase by 89 or 16.3% as compared to the previous year. Total violations were down by 21.5% as compared to August but increased 8.3% as compared to the previous year. There was a 34.4% decrease in cited safety violations as compared to August. There were 21 drivers and 39 vehicles placed out of service. The number of trucks weighed was down by 200 for a 27.4% decrease as compared to the previous month.
- There were 529 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in August. Of the trucks weighed in September, 147 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 229 hours of directed enforcement.
- The majority of commercial enforcement personnel attended a one week Part A refresher or Level 6 training during September.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
September-08	437	111	389	30	12	362	0
Sept. 07	266	101	307	21	11	225	0
% Change	64.3%	9.9%	26.7%	42.9%	9.1%	60.9%	#DIV/0!

September-08	437	111	389	30	12	362	0
Aug. 08	346	111	327	15	9	293	1
% Change	26.3%	0.0%	19.0%	100.0%	33.3%	23.5%	-100.0%

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 437 level 2/3 inspections during September. This was an increase of 26.3% over the previous month and an increase of 64.3% or 171 inspections over last year. There was increase in repair orders of 19% compared to the prior month. One hundred eleven (111) citations were issued for safety violations. This number is consistent with the prior month and the prior year. Three hundred eighty nine (389) repair orders were written during the inspections with 12 vehicles and 30 drivers being placed "out of service." Both these areas increased by 40% or more over the prior month and prior year's totals.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Sept-08		Sept-07	% Change		Aug-08	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	62314		57019	9.29%		69390	-10.20%
CAD incidents	8972		7707	16.41%		9722	-7.71%
Telephone Calls	7637		8526	-10.43%		8386	-8.93%
Call Box Incidents	0		N/A	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	54		73	-27%		64	-16%
Arrest Reports Processed	99		36	175%		62	59%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17		8	112.5%		6	183.3%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	260		168	54.7%		146	78%
Warrants Entered	258		142	81.6%		139	85.6%
Warrants Cleared	190		207	-0.9%		239	-20.6%
Warrants Validated	1469		1858	-21%		0	1469%
Extradition / Transports	2		4	-100%		1	100%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	47		6	683%		30	56%
New Items Submitted	190		15	1166.7%		52	265.3%
Items Disposed	24		224	-89.3%		270	-91.2%

Contract Service overtime was 1,34.17 hours during 14 escorts totalling \$91,178.77.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Contract services were up from the previous month by \$17,738.
- Communications Center activity decreased with the previous month but showed minor increases over the previous year in areas.
- The evidence section showed large increases in new cases and items disposed.
- Front Office staff saw increases arrest reports and incident reports processed with decreases in accident reports processed.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work process was greatly increased in warrants received and warrants entered.

PERSONNEL

An applicant for the PSDIV is currently in background. PSDI positions have been opened and we are expected to begin interviews in October. Again, thanks to PSD III Mayra Cortez for filling in as an acting PSD IV until that position can be filled.

Interviews were completed for the new Garage Mechanic. A candidate was selected and they are in the process of completing their background informational packet.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Trooper Stewart conducted safety talks with Barrick Mining Safety personnel. Additionally, Trooper Stewart drove a Highway Patrol Dodge Charger in the opening parade for the Elko Car Show.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 49.3 hours, completing 17 missions during the month of August. Both these numbers are down from the prior month. Seven speed enforcement missions were flown for the month. During the six speed enforcement missions, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	111
Hazardous	9
Non-Hazardous	23
Seat belt	3

The remaining missions consisted of one training, four line patrol, two prisoner transports and two property transports. Additionally, the aircraft was on static display at the Elko Fly-in and Air Show. Public information officer duties were performed by the pilot during the Air Show.

Nine motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions. An additional six were assisted during line missions. The high speed for the month was silver Toyota sedan at a 118 mph in a 75 mph zone east of Battle Mountain. Compared to last month the total flight time was down 18%, total enforcement activity is down 2% and motorist assists were down 17%. When compared to September 2007, flight time is up 145%, total enforcement activity is up 759% and motorist assists are up 200%.